

STEP INTO READING®



A Valentine for Percy



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO



your name here!

date

3 of my **favorite** books

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- ②
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Dear Parents:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art or photographs. In addition to original fiction and books with favorite characters, there are Step into Reading Non-Fiction Readers, Phonics Readers and Boxed Sets, Sticker Readers, and Comic Readers—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**

- big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Reading with Help **Preschool–Grade 1**

- basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



Reading on Your Own **Grades 1–3**

- engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



Reading Paragraphs **Grades 2–3**

- challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



Ready for Chapters **Grades 2–4**

- chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides; children will progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends™

CREATED BY BRITT ALLCROFT

Based on The Railway Series by The Reverend W Awdry.

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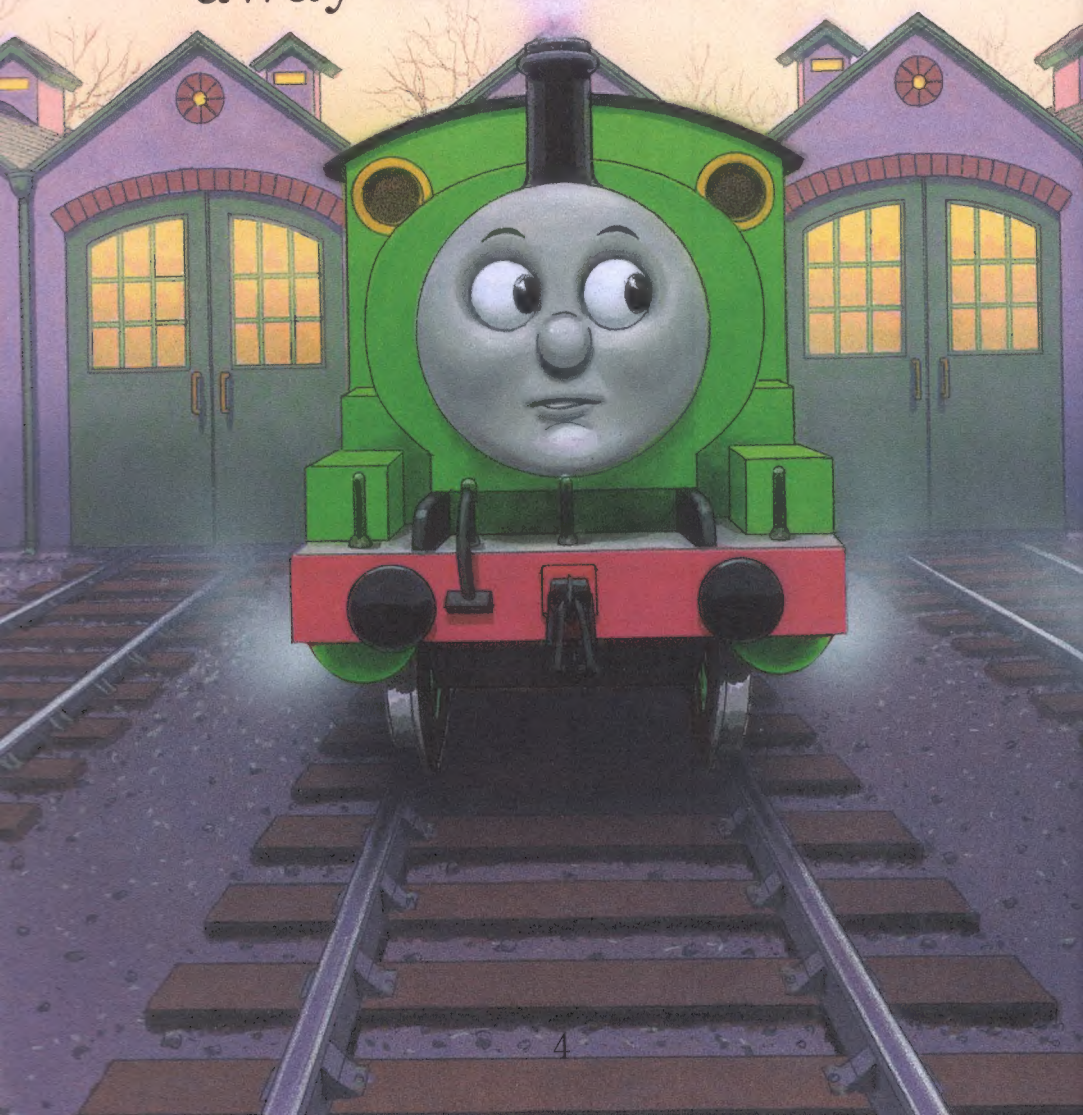
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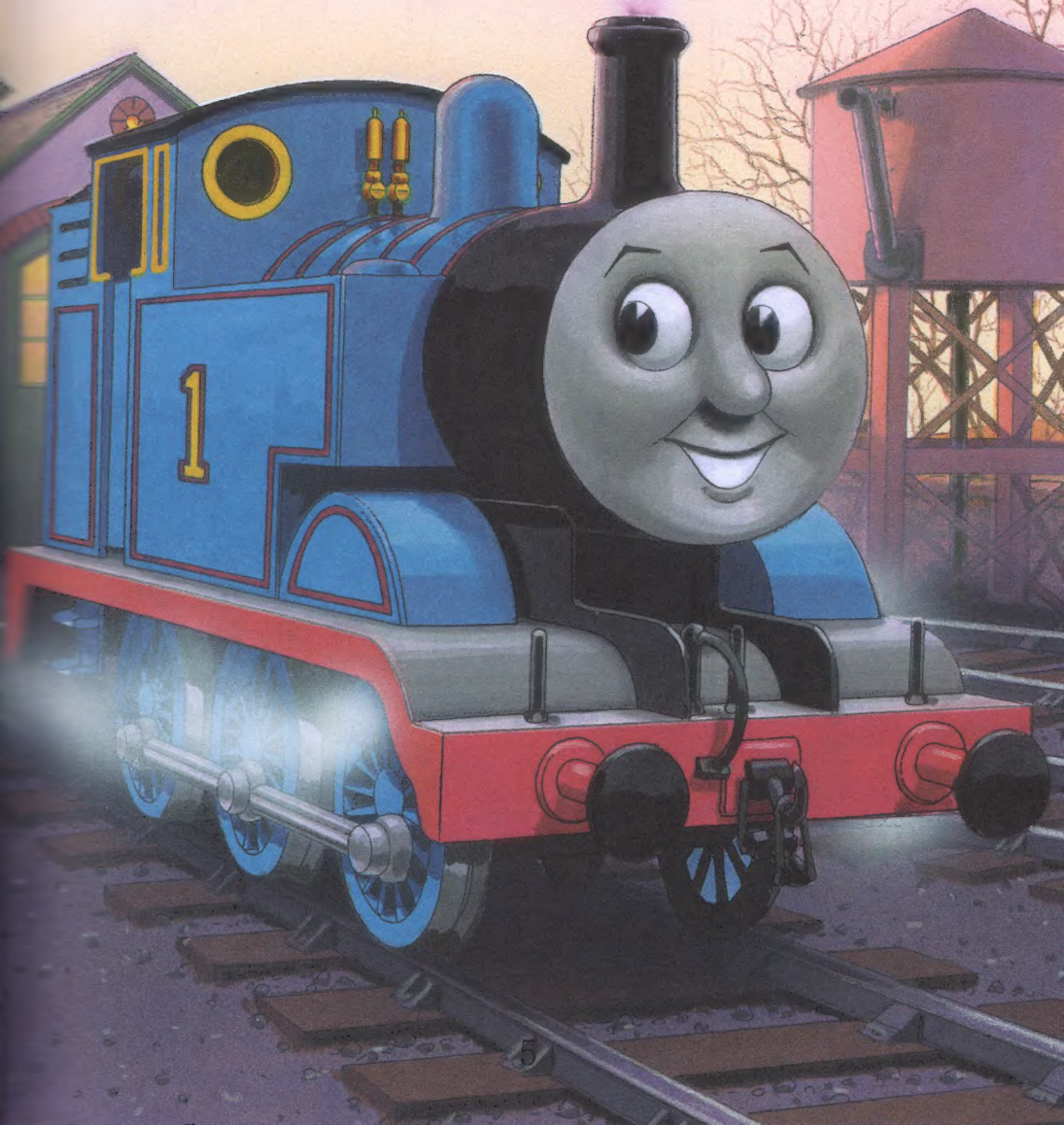
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It was almost
Valentine's Day.

Thomas had to work
away from the Sheds.



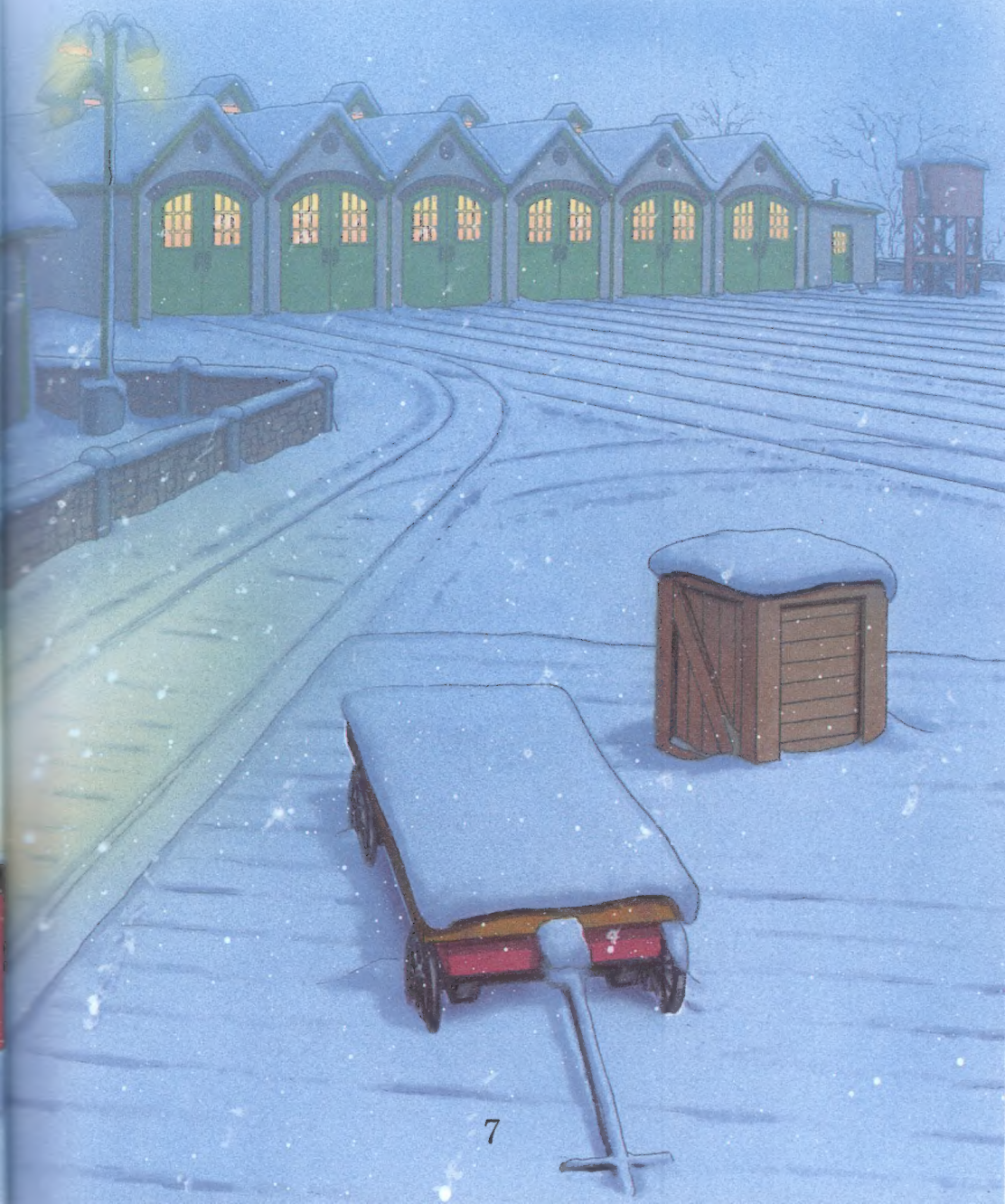
He said goodbye to
Percy.



On Valentine's Day,
it snowed!



Percy could not
see very well!



Percy waited
for Thomas to plow.



Thomas was too far
away.



Sir Topham Hatt
asked Percy to plow!



Percy used
Thomas' plow.

He helped clear
away the snow.



Percy even
delivered the mail.

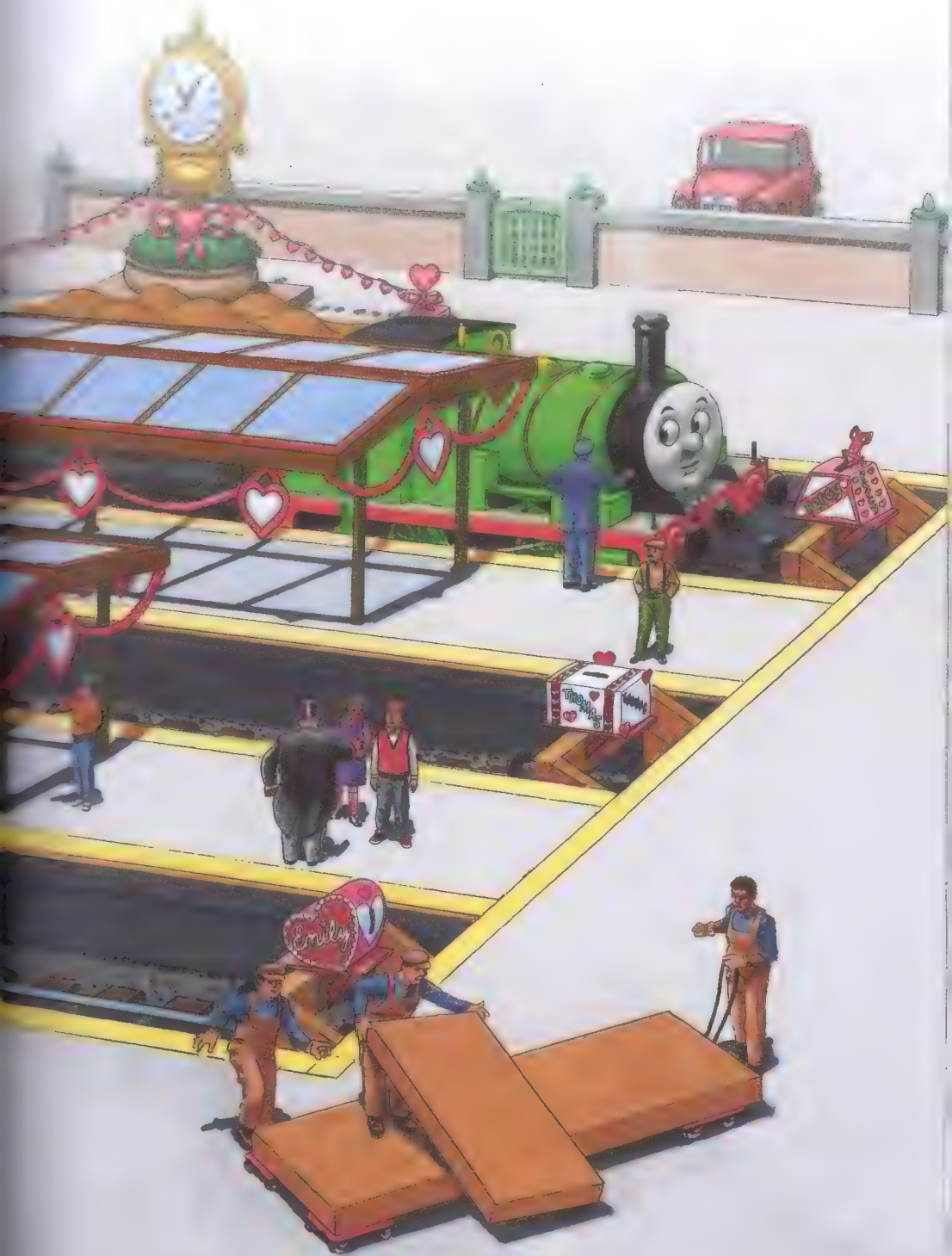


It was time
for the Valentine party.



Percy saw the mailboxes.
He hoped he would
get a valentine.







Sir Topham Hatt
greeted everyone.

The children sang.



Percy said hello
to the children.



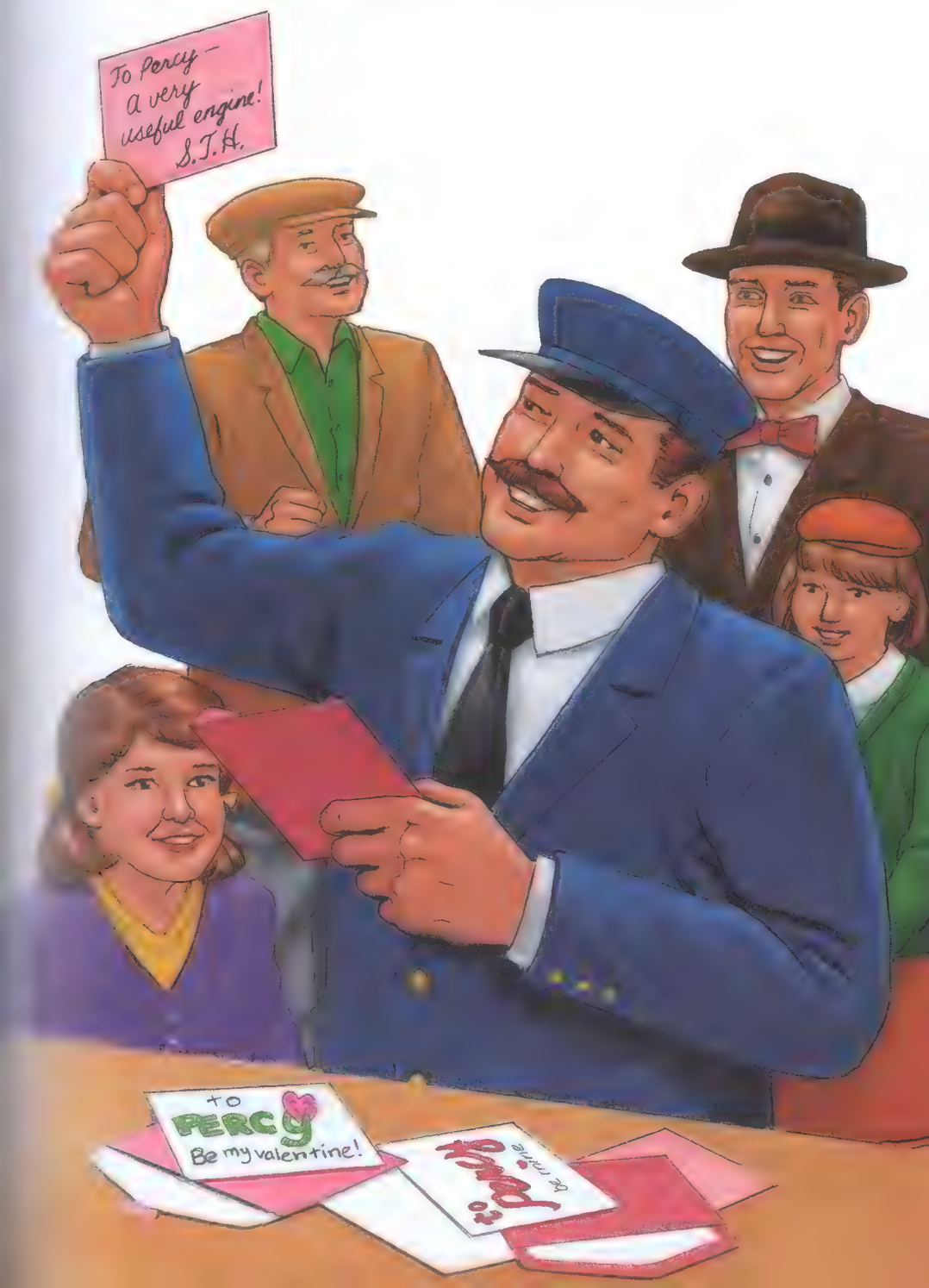


The children put
valentines in the
boxes.



It was time
to count the valentines.

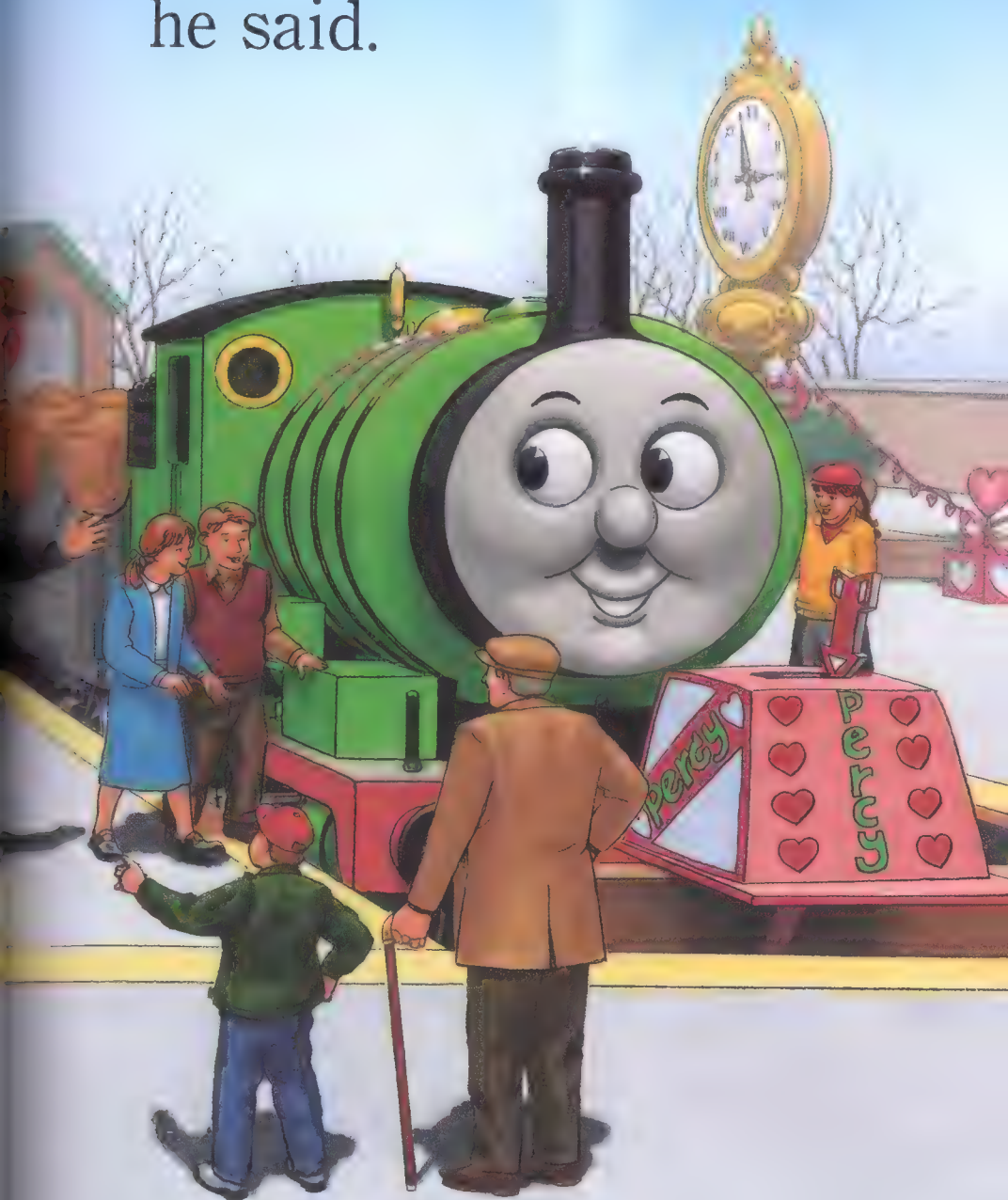
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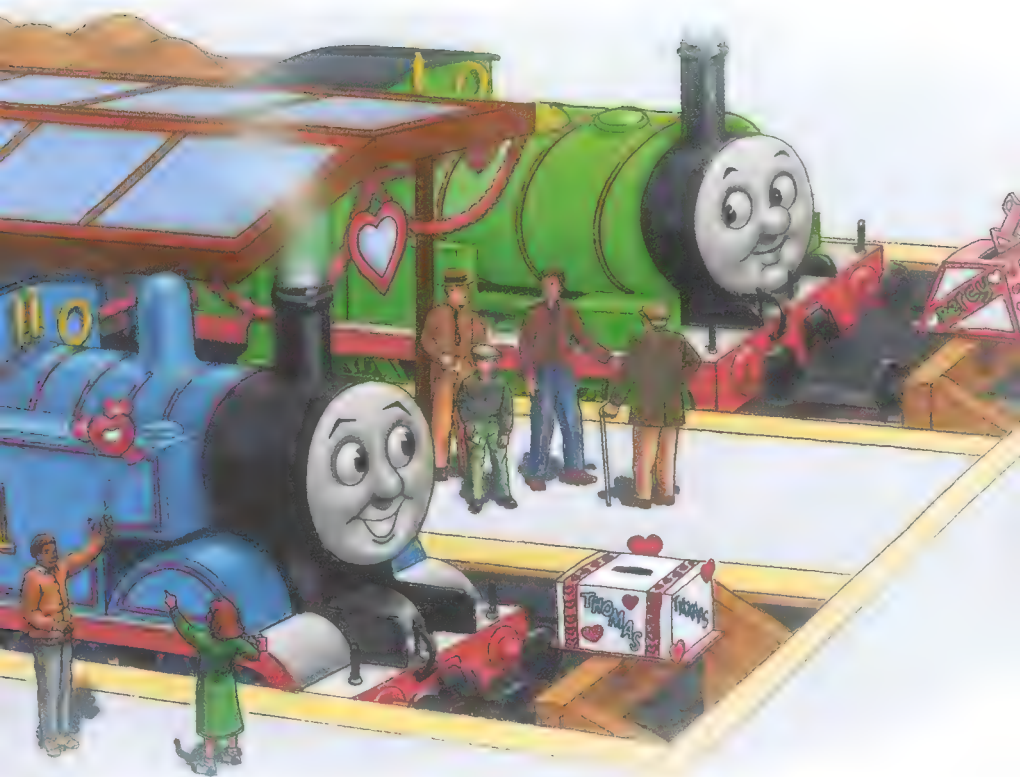
The last card
was from Thomas.



“Thank you for plowing
the snow,”
he said.



It was Percy's
favorite valentine!



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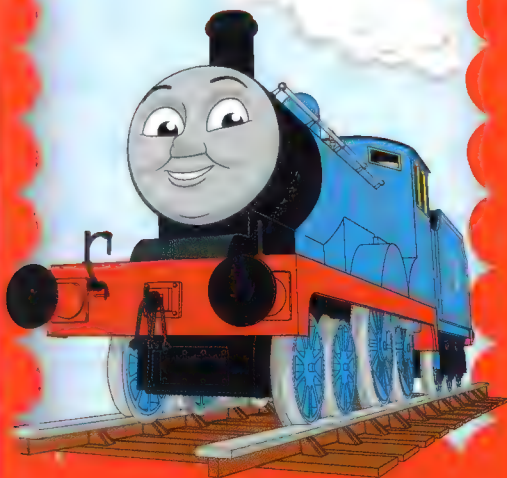
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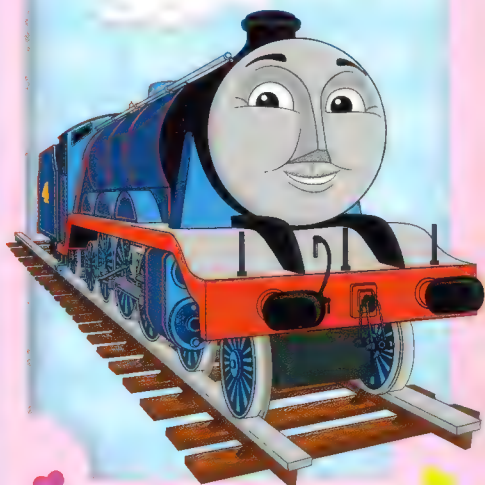
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Best Friends!



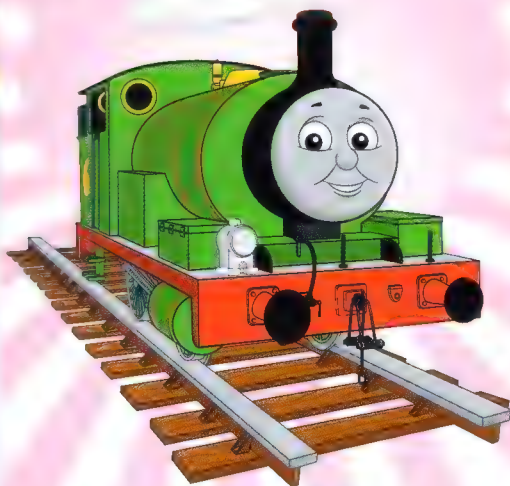
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Let's Be Friends!



**THOMAS
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You Are Nice!



**THOMAS
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You're Number 1!

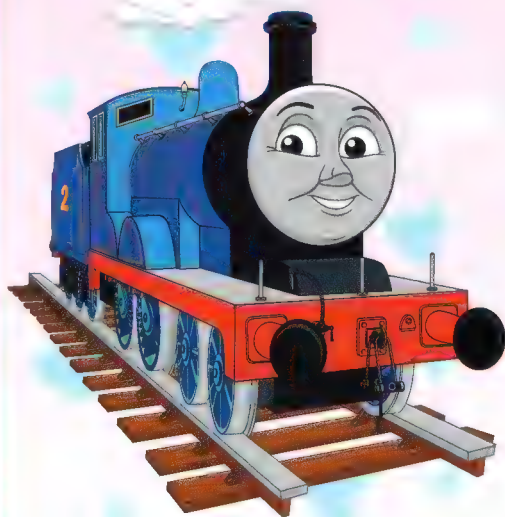




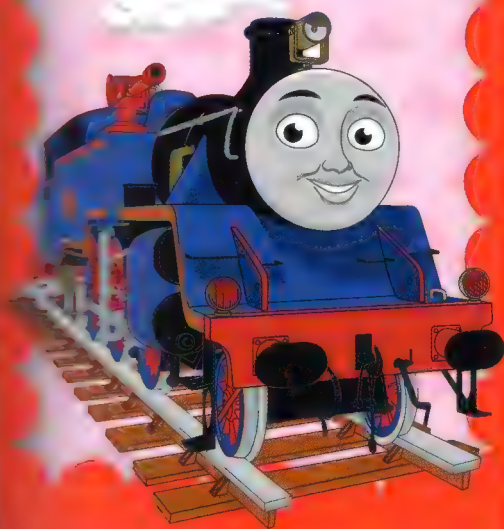
You Make Me Smile!



Friends Are Fun!



Best Buddies!



**Toot! Toot!
Terrific!**



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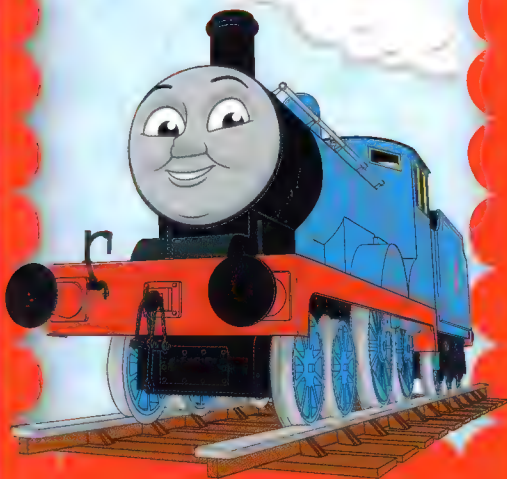
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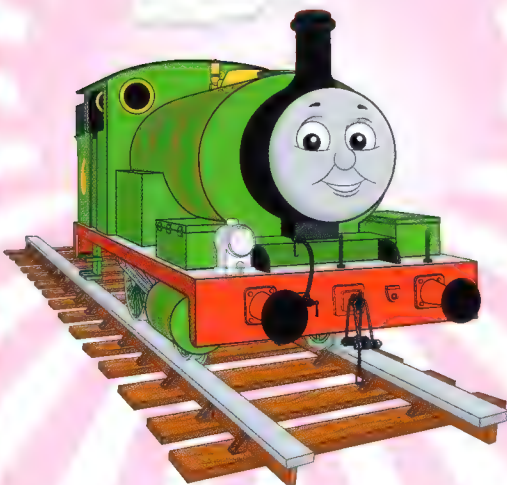
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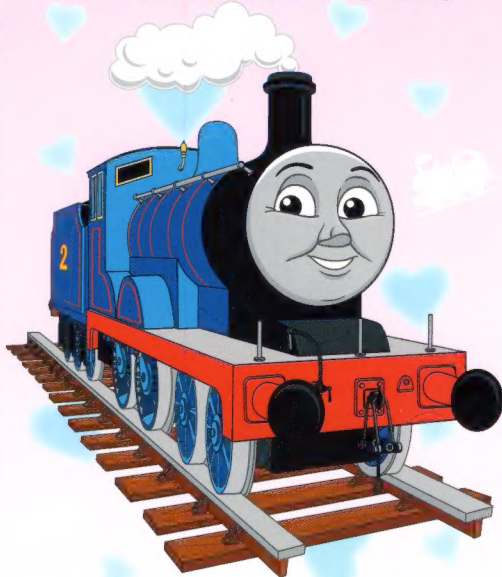
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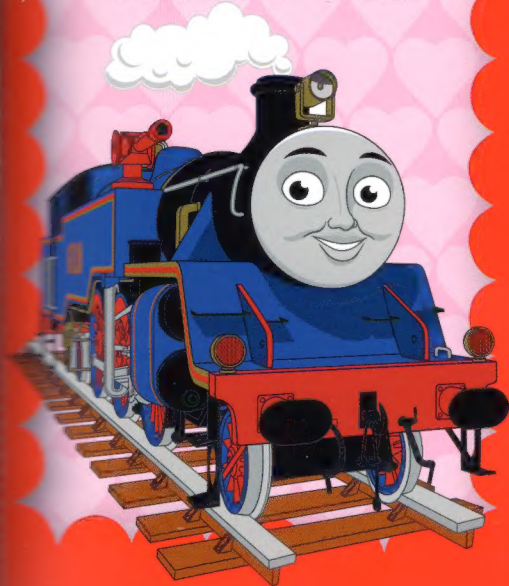
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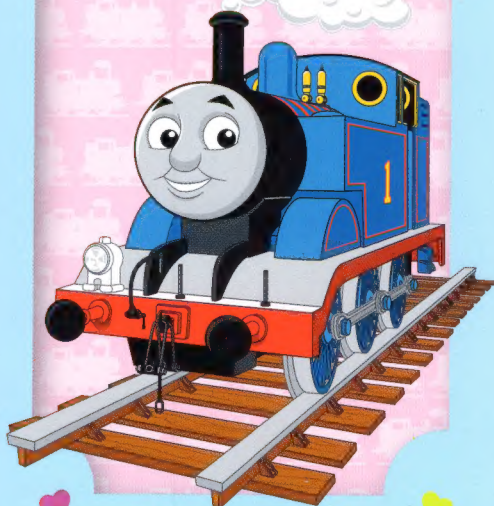
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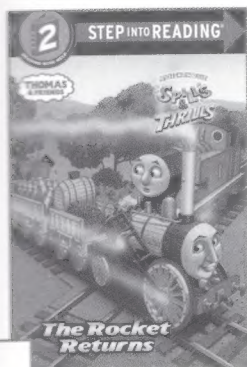
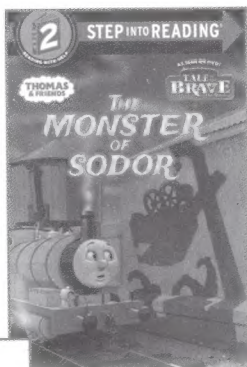
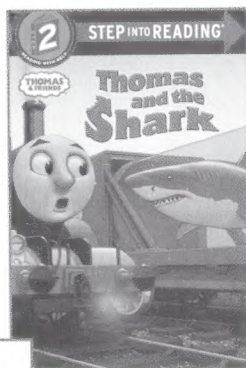
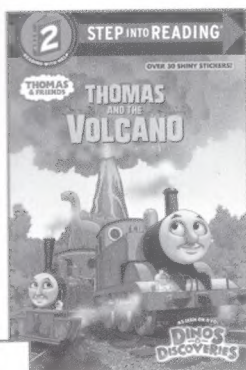
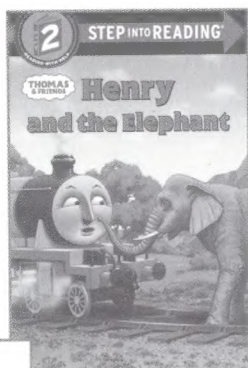
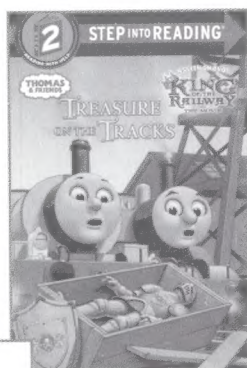
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